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AN ANARCHIST ON TRIAL.

The trial of the eight anarchist prisoners in Chicago, charged with being concerned in the Haymarket riots of May 4, in which a large number of policemen were killed and wounded by a dynamite bomb, began in earnest yesterday, the last jury having been obtained Thursday, after many days of unsuccessful effort to complete the panel. The first witness was Felix C. Buschek, a draughtsman, who explained to the jury maps of the scene of the riot and other points. Inspector Bonfield, who was in command of the police on the night of May 4, described the marching of the police to the Haymarket meeting, throwing the bomb among the officers, and the bloody scenes that followed.

Gottfried Waller, a Swiss, testified through an interpreter. He was formerly a socialist, and attended the socialist meeting before the riot because he saw the secret invitation in the socialist papers. The meeting of his society was held that evening. It was called to order by witness. About seventy or eighty men were present. Witness was chairman. Fisher and Engle were present. Several "revenger" posters were distributed at the meeting. Engle introduced a resolution as to what should be done, and said if there should be an encounter with the police then there should be meetings at various places to aid the strikers; and that the North side had resolved on that. If something should happen, the word "Rest" was to be published in the "Letter Box" and that was to be the signal for meeting. If there should be disturbance they were to meet in Wicker Park armed. Then a committee was appointed to watch the movements in the city and report if anything happened, and if riots should occur they should storm the police stations and cut the telegraph wires. Then they should do everything that came against them. When if one police station stormed they should do the same with the others, moving down all that came. They were to commence at the station on North avenue. Engle said that the easiest mode would be to throw a bomb in the station.

Those present were not to participate in the Haymarket meeting. Only a committee was to be there. If they should report that something had happened, then the others should come down upon the police, then the militia—whatever should come against them. The witness continued: "We also thought that the fire department should be disabled. First, we were to attack the North avenue police station, then the next one, as fate would have it. The plan was to attack the police stations to prevent the police from coming to aid if there should be a fight in the city. We all thought there would be a fight, and so calculated. The plan was adopted, with the understanding that every group should act independently, according to the general plan. Those present were from all the groups from all parts of the city. The same programme was to be carried out in every part of the city. There was nothing said about the Haymarket. It was not expected that the police should get to the Haymarket. Only if the strikers were attacked, then we should shoot the police. In case of an attempt to disperse a meeting we should simply strike them down however we best could, with bombs or whatever should be at our disposal. One or two from each group were to compose the committee to be sent to the Haymarket. They were to observe the movements not only in the city, but in the different parts of the city, and if a conflict should happen they should report to us. If it happened in the daytime, then they should cause the publication of the word 'rue.' If in the evening or night, they should report personally to the members at their homes. The word was a signal to meet, and was only to be inserted in the newspaper if a downright revolution occurred. Fischer suggested the word, and it was arranged that the publication should be made in the Arbeiter Zeitung letter box."

The witness was at Zepf's Hall when the bomb was thrown. There was some commotion, and the doors were closed. When they were opened he started home, stopping at Engel's house on the way.

The witness was asked: "Did you ever have any bombs?" To this question Mr. Foster, of the defense, warmly objected.

Mr. Ingham replied, saying that the theory of the State was that the defendants for two or three years had been engaged as the leaders in a gigantic conspiracy against law and order, of which the meeting on Monday night was but one step. The State intended to show that for months the defendants had been preparing for a revolution about the first of May; that they had been arming themselves and their dupes.

The State intended to bring into court dynamite bombs—some of them loaded, perhaps—by the dozen, and the barrel full, and would show that these bombs were used for no purpose in all the wide world except cowardly and atrocious murder.

Judge Gary, in deciding the point, said: "If there was a combination among a great number of individuals to kill policemen if they came in conflict with workmen or strikers, or were attempting to enforce law and order, and preparations were made to kill policemen upon some such occasion, the decision as to when the proper occasion had come being left to the parties who were to do the work, and some of these parties did such an act, then all engaged in the general conspiracy are equally liable."

The witness then proceeded to answer the question as to whether he ever had any bombs, and told how about a year and a half ago bombs had been distributed to him and others by Fischer for use at a meeting Thanksgiving, if attacked by the police, just as it happened this time. Those present at 54 West Lake street on the night of May 3, whom witness could remember, were Fischer, Engel, Breitenfeld, Rheinwald, Krueger, (who is dead) another Krueger, Gruenwald, Schrader, Huber, Huebner, two Lehmanns, and Hermann.

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